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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: ICE-TRANSITING
(05.0502)

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1. AT FEBRUARY 15 MEETING AT SCST, SCICOUNS ORALLY
ADVISED AYKAZYAN PER REF TEL THAT

- DOT IS NOT SENDING AN ICE-TRANSITING DELEGATION, AND

- DOT WILL THEREFORE CANCEL THE MARINE TRANSPORT
SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

SCICOUNS ALSO ADVISED THAT A LETTER FROM RAMUNDO WILL
BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

2. AYKAZYAN RESPONDED THAT THE SOVIET POSITION ON ICE-
TRANSITING HAS NOT CHANGED AND GAVE SCICOUNS A LETTER
FROM SOVIET TRANSPORTATION CO-CHAIRMAN G. V. ALEKSENKO
FOR US CO-CHAIRMAN CHESTER DAVENPORT AFFIRMING LATEST
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SOVIET POSITION (LETTER BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL).

WITH REGARD TO THE SCRAPPING OF THE MARINE TRANSPORT
SECTION, AYKAZYAN STATED THAT COOPERATION SHOULD NOT
BE FORCED IF THE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT INTERESTED. HE

SAID THAT SCST HAD TRIED HARD TO FIND A REASONABLE
SOLUTION TO THE ICE-TRANSITING PROBLEM AND THAT

ALEKSENKO WAS QUITE UPSET. AYKAZYAN ALSO NOTED THAT ALEKSENKO HAD OBSERVED THAT DOT MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE ICE-TRANSITING PROBLEM AS A PRETEXT TO SCUTTLE THE AGREEMENT. SCICOUNS REPLIED THERE WAS STILL NO ADEQUATE EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE ICE-TRANSITING PROGRAM ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY ALEKSENKO WAS LATER CUT BY THE SOVIETS TO A LEVEL THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTION FOR LETTER CONTAINED IN REFTEL WHICH WE ARE HOLDING PENDING DEPARTMENT AND DOT GUIDANCE:

--I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT DOT HAS DECIDED AGAINST SENDING AN AMERICAN ICE-TRANSITING DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF THE INADEQUACY OF THE PROGRAM PROPOSED BY SCST FOR THE VISIT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY DISSATISFIED WITH SCST'S FAILURE TO MEET THE PROGRAM COMMITMENT GIVEN BY THE SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN, G. V. ALEKSENKO, TO THE EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR, ALLEN S. GREENBERG, LAST DECEMBER. ACCORDINGLY, DOT HAS RESOLVED TO TERMINATE THE MARINE TRANSPORT SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT. WE TAKE THIS STEP BECAUSE THE LACK OF A SATISFACTORY PROGRAM IN ICE-TRANSITING HAS LED TO A DISTINCT IMBALANCE OF BENEFITS IN THIS SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT, AN IMBALANCE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAS MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO EFFORT TO REDRESS. THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT IS OF COURSE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

--WE ARE REVIEWING THE QUESTION OF BALANCE WITH RESPECT TO ALL THE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND, WHEN THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETED, WILL RESPOND THROUGH

THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO VALENTIN ISHCENKO'S RECENT TELEX ON EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT.

--BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. MATLOCK

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